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July Update to the Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 19.2 for Bills from Hospitals that are Not Paid Under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System

Note: This article was revised to contain web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Hospitals and other providers that are NOT paid for outpatient services under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).

Provider Action Needed

This instruction informs fiscal intermediaries that the Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) used to process bills from hospitals not paid under the OPPS has been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes to ensure correct billing.

Background

The non-OPPS OCE has been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System/Current Procedural Terminology, Fourth Edition (HCPCS/CPT-4) codes. This OCE is used to process bills from hospitals not paid under the OPPS. Affected hospitals and providers should take note of these changes and advise billing staff accordingly.

The following are the changes made to version 19.2 of the non-OPPS OCE:

- The following codes have been deleted from the list of Non-Covered procedures, effective 4/1/02:
 - 44132
 - 44133

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- 44135
- 44136
- The following codes have been added to the list of Non-Reportable procedures, effective 4/1/02:
 - 44132
 - 44133
 - 44135
 - 44136
- The following new codes have been added to the to the valid HCPCS list, effective 1/1/04:
 - C9213
 - C9214
 - C9215
 - C9216
 - C9217
 - C9399
 - C9401

Note: Transmittal 20 (CR 3155) incorrectly listed C9406 in the valid HCPCS list, effective 1/1/04.

- The following codes have been added to the list of Non-Reportable procedures, effective 1/1/04:
 - A9525
 - C9213
 - C9214
 - C9215
 - C9216
 - C9217
 - C9399
 - C9401

Note: Transmittal 20 (CR 3155) incorrectly listed C9406 in the list of Non-Reportable procedures, effective 1/1/04.

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- The following code has been deleted from the valid HCPCS list, effective 4/1/04:
 - E1065
- The following new codes have been added to the list of valid HCPCS, effective 7/1/04:
 - C9716
 - G0329
 - K0650
 - K0651
 - K0652
 - K0653
 - K0654
 - K0655
 - K0656
 - K0657
 - K0658
 - K0659
 - K0660
 - K0661
 - K0662
 - K0663
 - K0664
 - K0665
 - K0666
 - K0667
 - K0668
 - K0669
- The following codes have been added to the list of Non-Reportable procedures, effective 7/1/04:
 - C9716
 - K0650

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- K0651
- K0652
- K0653
- K0654
- K0655
- K0656
- K0657
- K0658
- K0659
- K0660
- K0661
- K0662
- K0663
- K0664
- K0665
- K0666
- K0667
- K0668
- K0669

Implementation

The implementation dates for this instruction is July 6, 2004.

Additional Information

For complete details please see the official instruction issued to fiscal intermediary regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/Downloads/R186CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS web site.

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